

Arts and crafts center offers ancient art of basket weaving



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A new basket weaving class is being offered at the arts and crafts center.

Once signed up for the \$15 class, every student receives half off on all class supplies at the craft store for a limited time.

While teaching her students to weave a Shaker style basket, instructor Rami McKinney shared with them historical information.

"Shakers did a lot of things without waste and were the first to do a production style process," said Ms. McKinney. "Basket weaving is an ancient art that has the least amount of artists."

Student Jocelyn Howell is making her fourth class basket and said she's still enjoying it. "I worked at the craft store before, saw the class and wanted to do this," said Ms. Howell. "I did seven Christmas baskets and filled it with salami, wine and cheese."

Heather Sutton is on her fourth or fifth class. "Kathy at the craft shop was telling me about how the class is fun," said Ms. Sutton.

"This is fun," shared Mary Kearns.

By the end of the two-day class, the students completed a Shaker style basket with extra supplies left over to make another basket.

"This is a social thing and a good hobby, especially when our husbands are away," said Ms. Howell. "It is really worth it."

Sign up for the next basket weaving class in March and learn the secret to a continually woven basket.

For more information, call 449-1568 ext. 103.



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Jocelyn Howell and Heather Sutton finish weaving the bottom and starts working up the sides of their Shaker style basket.



Mary Kearns gets help from instructor Rami McKinney on how to begin twining the bottom of her basket. (Below) Heather Sutton twines the bottom of her basket weaving twice around.



Hickam Airmen's Council: Airmen helping Airmen

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Hickam Airmen's Council is an organization established to maintain a spirit of camaraderie and encourage an attitude of unity from airman basic to senior airman.

Every second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m., HAC has a meeting at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club.

HAC transformed itself into a private organization in October 2005.

"The reason we became private was so we could get out more into our community," said Airman 1st Class Nicole Pittman, 15th Maintenance Squadron. The HAC also wanted "to be able to do fundraisers and more community service."

Prior to being a private organization, particular rules and regulations hindered their movement so turning private affords the HAC more mobility.

"In the next couple of months you will start to see fundraisers and social events since we just started the ball rolling now," said Airman 1st Class Brett Fowler, 352nd Information Operations Squadron.

HAC members will be volunteering at the MS Walk, the Airmen's Attic and holding monthly sessions with the First Term Airmen Center class.

"HAC challenges each FTAC class to a game of kickball," said Airman Pittman.

Challenging each FTAC class for the rest of the year is just the beginning of some of the fun activities the HAC has put together for the Airmen.



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Airman 1st Class Brett Fowler, Hickam Airmen's Council president, and Airman 1st Class Nicole Pittman, HAC secretary, discuss upcoming social events and fundraisers for Hickam's Airmen.

"We are going to have a base-wide paint ball tournament," said Airman Fowler. "If you talk to the Airmen on base, the one thing they will always say is there is not enough stuff for them to do."

So with the feedback they received from the Airmen, HAC made some changes.

"We're going to take the Airmen on a beach bash," said Airman Fowler. "We're going to

get two buses and ship all the Airmen down to Waikiki for about three hours and Bellows for three hours."

The HAC's future holds more activities such as a Texas hold 'em tournament, midnight movie mania, Halo 2 tournament and fundraisers like doing a car wash and selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

"We are here for the service of the Airmen,

to make their lives here happier and give them more information on base," said Airman Fowler. "The overall Airman concept is a completely rounded Airman on base. That is what we want to give to them. Whether they take it or not is up to them."

Another new feature of the HAC is an annual farewell party for the departing Airmen or for those being promoted.

"We're like a well-oiled machine now," said Airman Fowler. "I have a great team with [Airman Pittman] and the rest of the guys. They are an absolutely fantastic team and we all work really well together."

Once a quarter the team has a meeting with Command Chief Master Sergeant Jim LeVack, 15th Airlift Wing.

"A lot of times we bring up issues that Airmen have on base," said Airman Fowler. "Smoking in the dorms is a good example, we as a group can bring that problem to Chief LeVack."

Any reasonable concern of an Airman can come through the HAC and be brought through the chain of command for a resolution.

"We want to give the opportunity to show Airmen how to be a well-rounded Airman," said Airman Fowler. "Most of the Airmen that are on the executive board have been on base a while."

HAC or Airmen helping Airmen work as a liaison, a resource coordinator or a mentor for the Airmen on base.

"This is what the Air Force is all about, mentorship," concluded Airman Fowler.

For more information, call Airman Fowler at 449-3131 or Airman Pittman at 448-2250.

Crossword Puzzle: Commander-in-Chiefs

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ACROSS

- 1. Bhutan capital
- 7. Faucet
- 10. Crazy __ _ loon
- 13. NBA “bad boy” Dennis
- 14. Mining goal
- 15. 41st or 43rd President
- 17. 34th President
- 19. Food fish
- 20.Pot-au-__ _; French meats and vegetables dish
- 21. Cooker
- 22. WeightWatcher goal
- 26. 7th President Jackson
- 29. Theater system
- 30. Enter again
- 32. Singer Horne
- 33. Most gloomy
- 37. Hair product

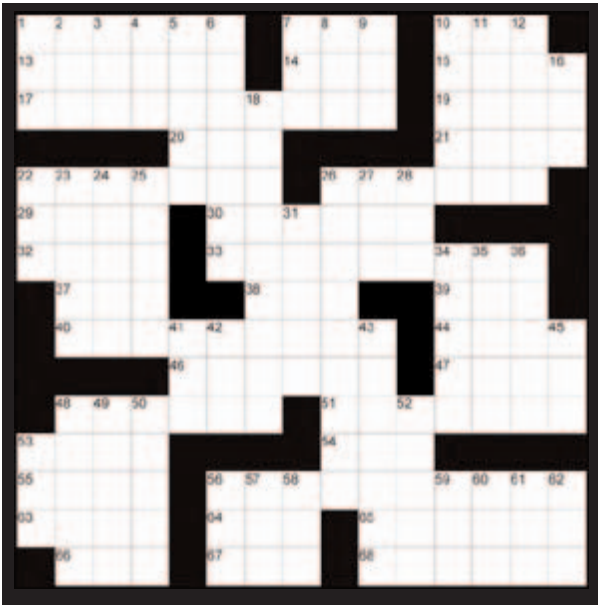
- 38. A-Team actor
- 39. Keep __ _ tongue from evil...
- 40. Millipede or centipede
- 44. Male red deer
- 46. Bother
- 47. Office supply company
- 48. Correctly
- 51. 16th President
- 53. Garden spot
- 54. __ _ 36-2903
- 55. Fury
- 56. 1st President
- 63. Sultan
- 64. Oklahoma town
- 65. Store (fodder) in a silo
- 66. Concorde, in brief
- 67. Dem.’s opposite
- 68. Matched up

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- 1. Cuba in Boyz n the Hood
- 2. __ _ polloi; the masses

- 3. Mil. CAC cards
- 4. Married French woman, in short
- 5. Canadian winter resort site
- 6. Not listened to
- 7. Drag behind
- 8. Who __ _ you?
- 9. Each
- 10. Loathe
- 11. Debonair
- 12. Slanted
- 16. Chicken
- 18. Farthest away
- 22. Rapper __ _ Kim
- 23. Greek letter
- 24. More reasonable
- 25. Celebrate
- 26. Shiite religious authority
- 27. Nat’l talk radio
- 28. Opus __ _
- 31. Maryland players
- 34. Moral
- 35. Stiff, cylindrical military

- dress hat
- 36. Austria and Italy neighbor
- 41. TMO items
- 42. Stadium cheer
- 43. Makes a god of
- 45. SpikeTV once
- 48. 2nd or 6th President
- 49. Kelly’s co-host
- 50. Languid
- 52. Fool
- 53. Before, poetically
- 56. Fray
- 57. Sweetened beverage
- 58. Resin
- 59. Home to Let’s Make A Deal land Extreme Dodgeball
- 60. __ _-tac-toe
- 61. Bullring cheer
- 62. Homer’s neighbor



AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Today and Saturday 7 p.m.

Hoodwinked – Furry and feathered cops from the animal world, Chief Grizzly and Detective Bill Stork, investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny’s cottage, involving a girl, a wolf and an axe. The charges are many: breaking and entering, disturbing the peace, intent to eat, and wielding an axe without a license. Not to mention, this case might be tied to the elusive “Goody Bandit” who has been stealing the recipes of goody shops everywhere. Rated PG for some mild action and thematic elements.



Sunday 7 p.m.

Grandma’s Boy – By day, 35-year-old Alex is the world’s oldest video game tester, but by night, he is privately developing the next big game for the X-Box generation. When one of his roommates spends all the rent money on Taiwanese hookers, Alex is kicked out of his apartment, and finds himself forced to live with his grandmother and her friends Grace and Bea. Starring Allen Covert. Peter Dante. Rated R for drug use, strong language throughout, strong crude and sexual humor, and nudity,



Wednesday 7 p.m.

Casanova – When Giacomo Casanova discovered Francesca Bruni, he met his ultimate romantic match, succumbing to the only woman ever to refuse his charms—until he could prove himself to be the one man worth of her romantic ideals. Not only a dashing rebel and wit, Casanova is also a vulnerable man who is chasing after love as Bishop Pucci of the Inquisition chases after him. Caught up in a comic whirl of disguises. Starring Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller. Rated R for some sexual content.



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PROTESTANT	JEWISH	CATHOLIC	ISLAMIC	BUDDHIST
Nelles Chapel	Aloha Jewish Chapel,	Nelles Chapel	Friday Congregational	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii
Sunday Contemporary	Pearl Harbor	Weekday Mass	Service	Betsuin A Shin
Service 8:30 a.m.	473-0050	11:30 a.m.	(1935 Aleo Place,	Buddhist Temple
Sunday Gospel Worship	Jewish Lay Leader	Saturday Confessions	Punahou)	536-7044
11:15 a.m.	Mr. David Bender	4:15 p.m.	1 p.m.	
Sunday Praise Gathering	527-5877	Saturday Mass 5 p.m.	Muslim Association	ORTHODOX
5:30 p.m.	Naval Station Chapel	Chapel Center	of Hawaii	For more information,
Chapel Center	473-3971	Sunday Mass 10 a.m.	947-6263	call 438-6687
Sunday Traditional				
8:30 a.m.				



48th Annual Hickam Carnival - Earhart Village at Area 61

The carnival will be today 5 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sunday noon to 10 p.m. For more information, call the community center at 449-2361.

Glass bottom boat tour

Saturday and March 18 enjoy a one-hour boat tour on the Coral Queen. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (3 to 11 years old), infants/lap child (two years old and below) no charge. See breathtaking underwater scenery with more than 6,000 square inches of glass bottom boat viewing area. Departs from Hickam Harbor to Kaneohe Bay. For more information, call information tickets

and travel at 448-2295.

Valentine Day street massacre

A Valentines Day street massacre will happen Sunday 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Hickam Skateboard Hangar. There is a \$5 entry fee, \$1 spectator fee. For more information, call the skateboard center at 448-4422 or 230-7614.

Fields open in Hawaii at Ko Olina

Monday through Feb. 25. See LPGA Championship Golf Pros such as Michelle Wie, Cristie Kerr, Morgan Pressel, Ai Miyazato, Paula Creamer and Shinobu Moromizato to name a few. Discount tickets are \$8 per person. Call Information Tickets & Travel at 448-2295.

Officers’ club dinner theater - “Cats”

Reserve your space now for dinner and a night at the theater with the officers’ club Feb. 25. The cost of \$50 per person includes a three-course dinner, transportation to and from the production. For more information, call the officers’ club at 448-4608.

Community center scrapbook club workshop

A scrapbook club workshop is Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the community center. The cost is \$25 for a half-day or \$30 for a full day. The fee includes the use of cropping tools, handouts and food. For more information, call the community center at 449 -2361.

2006 Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament

The Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament is April 9 to 15. Cost is \$325. per team. Team and individual awards. Each player receives an Aloha Classic T-shirt. Call the Fitness

Center at 448-4640 or email christopher.myers@hickam.af.mil.

Comment and Win! You Talk, We Pay!

Every month beginning in April, the 15th Services Squadron’s new comment card program gives members two chances to win. Simply fill out a comment card at any Services facility or comment online by visiting www.hickamservices.com and clicking on the ICE icon. Win \$250 in Services Bucks if the suggestion is implemented. Win \$100 in Service Bucks if the suggestion is the lucky card chosen randomly. For more information call the Services Marketing Department at 448-2209 x 236.

NFL Star Rod Smith visits Hickam members

By Staff Sgt. Brian Tulaba
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NFL Pro Bowler Rod Smith visited Hickam 9 Feb. as part of the Pro Bowl week festivities.

Smith, a wide receiver for the Denver Broncos toured the C-17 simulator, visited with Hickam’s youth athletes and sat down with deploying Security Forces members. Accompanying him was his wife Jamie, and his two sons Devin and Roderick.

The first stop was the C-17 Flight Simulator where Smith and his family got a tour of the building and learned about the mission of the mission of the C-17. They also had an opportunity go in the simulator and watch it operate.

The next stop was the Youth Center where he was greeted with leis from Alonna Moore. Rod was there to

speak to the student athletes and to answer any questions they had. Smith wanted to get across to the kids that school is very important and to stay away from drugs. Smith also spoke to them about not setting your goal to high. He told them, “that you shouldn’t play to be recognized but to play the game because you really enjoy it.” Smith also wanted them to know that even if you lose as long as you give it your all and play hard you should be proud of yourself.

The last stop was a surprise visit to a group of SFS personnel that were getting ready to deploy to Afghanistan. The goal here was for Smith to supply some morale while at the same time hear what it was like for the Airmen to prepare before they deploy. He definitely did lift their spirits. Smith let them know that he appreciates what the military does and he knows

that the mission is very important. He let them know that the whole NFL commends what we do and that it takes special people to do our job.

Smith also wanted them to know that he and his family pray nearly everyday for members of the military to come home safely from deployments.

Smith had an interest in how they were chosen for deployment and how they felt when they got back.

Tech. Sgt. Rodney Brown, preparing for his second deployment after being back only a few months expressed, “it feels real good to come back home and that it was a great sense of accomplishment.”

Smith justifies his being on the road frequently for his job is something he has to do for his family. He relates his experiences of being on the road similar to that of military members being away and



Courtesy photo
National Football League star Rod Smith visits with children at the Hickam School-Age Program during the week before the Pro Bowl Sunday.

doing for their families, but only on a larger scale. He recognizes and respects the sacrifices that the U.S. military members make to protect our country.

Smith concluded the visit with the SFS members with a group photo and a heartfelt wish for safe journey, quick return home and thanked them all again.

Bald losers



Courtesy photo
Left to right: Front row: Airman 1st Class Kha Phan, Tech. Sgt. James Fernett and Senior Airman Evan Bowater Back row: Staff Sgt. Jody Lucas, Senior airman Gary Gearhart, Master Sgt. Christ Coover and Staff Sgt. Shaun Lyle. Members of the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron currently deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait shaved their heads as part of a deal over the Super Bowl winners.

Won it by Air: Air Force team wins NFL Military Challenge

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
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As is tradition, a week after the Super Bowl the best players in the league gather in Oahu for the final test of their skills, team work, and intestinal fortitude.

Only the leagues these teams come from are on-island intramural football squads at the five military installations.

Sponsored by the National Football League, the best of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy gutted it out in six events that comprise the NFL Military Challenge Feb. 10. The Air Force team, made up of the best Hickam Air Force Base ballers, took top honors, but needed overtime to capture the trophy.

Before the final event, where they 'threw for cash,' the bluesuiters first made a mad dash; the six-person relay team each sprinted 40-yards. Claude Jennings, Chad Raper, Nathan Allen, Lester LaFrance, Daray Davis and Delayed Entrance Program member Ryan McGovern combined to cover the 240-yards 29.86 seconds, topping the Marines time of 30.67.

The second event, field goal kicking, was indicative of the competitive and skilled nature of the challenge. McGovern split the uprights on an impressive seven of 10 attempts.

That was good enough for last place among the five booters.

Army's Mark Welch drained a perfect 10, soliciting a "my Colts are looking for a kicker" cry from a horseshoe-emblem-hatted spectator.

Navy's Joe McGill hit the long-snap target three of eight times, taking top honors over Jennings who converted twice during the snapping competition.

Sacrificing distance to ensure accuracy in swirling winds, Raper took second in the punting competition, booming three kicks for 92-yards, seven hash marks short of the Army's 99-yard winning tally.

Heading into the final event, the leader board was tighter than Seattle Seahawks, running back, Shaun Alexander's hamstring. The Army led by one point over Air Force, two points over Navy and three points above the Marines.

15th Medical Group back-to-back base champion and 32-game-winning-streak quarterback Jennings helmed the passing competition.

The point system rewarded completions of specific distances over 60 seconds. A receiver couldn't break the line of scrimmage until the previous pass was either caught or hit the ground. The Marines took first place in the event and the five points. With the Air Force coming in second, and the Army in third, they were knotted in first place after regulation.

An overtime toss off was just what Jennings was hoping for.

"We're playing for all the glory going through the air," he said. "It played right into our strengths."

The Air Force QB timed the throws allowing his receivers to run under each bomb, completing a perfect 10 in a row. None were more spectacular than Lester adjusting to a wind-rattled pass, twisting his body around and sliding under the pigskin just before it hit the ground.

For Allen, the victory was sweet, the camaraderie tastier.

"It was great to have a chance to challenge the sister services in this friendly competition, especially knowing that at anytime we might be fighting right alongside them under different circumstances," he said.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

(Above): Delayed Entrance Program member Ryan McGovern attempts another field goal during National Football League Military Challenge. Each service competed in punt, pass, snapping and kicking competitions.

(Right): Air Force team member Claude Jennings waits for his turn in the 40-yard dash during the six-person team National Football League Military Challenge. Each service competed in punt, pass, snapping and kicking competitions.

